

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been examined. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 have been canceled. New claims 37-39 have been added. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 3-6 and 13-17. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hill. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3, and claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 12 and 13. Since claims 3 and 13 were indicated to be allowable, the rejection of claims 1 and 11 is rendered moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 1 which, as described above, is in condition for allowance. Hence, the rejection of claims 7 and 8 is rendered moot.

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill in view of Schneiderhan. Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 1 which, as described above, is in condition for allowance. Hence, the rejection of claims 9 and 10 is rendered moot.

Added Claims

Claims 37-39 have been added. Claim 37 is similar to unamended claim 1 but adds the limitation that the first materials comprise cards attached to individual sheets, and that each first material includes an identifier on the individual sheets. In contrast, the Hill patent describes a stack of credit cards 8 that are unattached to any sheets when in the stack. With the system of claim 37, the first materials comprise cards attached to sheets, and these first materials

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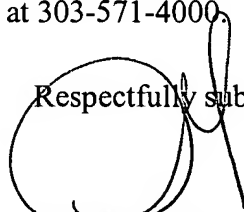
are matched with second materials. Since such features are not described in the Hill patent, claims 37-39 are distinguishable and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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